

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel claims 1-11, 29-36, 38-52, 59-79, 81-82, and 91-113 without prejudice and with right of re-entry into this application or any other appropriate application.

✓ Please amend claims 12-14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23-25, 27, 37, 53-55, 57, 58, 80, 83-84, 87 and 89 as follows:

12. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 2, including a] having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg edge portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end:

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(b) a first elastic attached to the first layer, and extending from a first locus adjacent the first backside, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly, toward the front end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the first back leg edge portion toward the crotch, as a second section of the first elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the first elastic away from the first end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the second back leg edge portion, to a second locus adjacent the second back side, the first and third sections of the first elastic being stretched and the second section of the first elastic being substantially relaxed when the garment blank subassembly is laid out flat, and

(c) a second [third] elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the first crotch edge portion and a third [fourth] elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the second crotch edge portion.

13. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 12[,] wherein the second and third [and fourth] elastics are stretched when the garment blank subassembly is laid out flat.

14. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 13, the first and third sections of the first elastic comprising [comprises additionally] arcuate portions, each arcuate portion having a first end disposed [connecting] at the end of the respective first angular portion and a second end disposed at the joinder of [connecting] the respective back leg edge portion with [to] the

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respective first and second crotch edge portions, and wherein the second section of the first elastic extends across the crotch between the second ends of the first arcuate portions.

16. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 1, including] having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg edge portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

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- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end;
 - (b) a first elastic attached to the first layer, and extending from a first locus adjacent the first back side, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly, toward the front end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the first back leg edge portion
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toward the crotch, as a second section of the first elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the first elastic away from the first end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the second back leg edge portion, to a second locus adjacent the second back side; and

- (c) a second elastic extending from a third locus adjacent the first front side, as a first section of the second elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly and generally following the first front leg edge toward the crotch, as a second section of the second elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the second elastic along and generally following the second front leg edge portion to a fourth locus adjacent the second front side.

the first and third sections of the second elastic being stretched and the second section of the second elastic being substantially relaxed when the garment blank assembly is laid out flat.

17. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 16, and including a third elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the first crotch edge portion and a fourth elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the second crotch edge portion, said third and fourth elastics extending in a direction generally corresponding to the direction of the longitudinal centerline.

19. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 18[, (a)] wherein the first and third sections of the first elastic comprise [comprises additionally] first arcuate portions, each said first arcuate portion having a first end attached in said

garment blank subassembly [connecting] at the end of the respective first angular portion and a second end attached in said garment blank subassembly at the joinder of [connecting] the respective back leg edge portion with [to] the respective first and second crotch edge portions, and wherein the second section of the first elastic extends across the crotch between the second ends of the first arcuate portions, and

[(b)] wherein the first and third sections of the second elastic comprise [comprises additionally] second arcuate portions, each said second arcuate portion having a first end attached in said garment blank subassembly [connecting] at the end of the respective first essentially perpendicular portion and a second end attached in said garment blank subassembly at the joinder of [connecting] the respective front leg edge portion with [to] the respective first and second crotch edge portions, and wherein the second section of the second elastic extends across the crotch between the second ends of the second arcuate portions.

21. (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 2, comprising additionally] having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg edge portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal

centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

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- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end;
- (b) a first elastic attached to the first layer, and extending from a first locus adjacent the first back side, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly, toward the front end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the first back leg edge portion toward the crotch, as a second section of the first elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the first elastic away from the first end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the second back leg edge portion, to a second locus adjacent the second back side, the first and third sections of the first elastic being stretched and the second section of the first elastic being substantially relaxed when the garment blank subassembly is laid out flat; and
- (c) a second layer, the first and third sections of the first elastic being disposed between [attached to at least one of] the first and second layers.

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283 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 22² the first and third sections of the first elastic being secured between the first and second layers, the second section of the first elastic being disposed in the unsecured space.

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28.5 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 24³ [24],
the second section of the first elastic being attached to at least
one of the first and second layers, and including a third elastic
attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the
first and second layers] along the first crotch edge portion and a
fourth elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at
least one of the first and second layers] along the second crotch
edge portion, said third and fourth elastics extending in a
direction generally corresponding to the direction of the
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29.7 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 28⁶ [,]
wherein the first and third sections of the first elastic comprise
[comprises additionally] arcuate portions, each arcuate portion
having a first end attached in said garment blank subassembly
[connecting] at the end of the respective first angular portion and
a second end attached in said garment blank subassembly at the
joinder of [connecting] the respective back leg edge portion with
[to] the respective first and second crotch edge portions, and
wherein the second section of the first elastic extends across the
crotch between the second ends of the first arcuate portions.

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30.9 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 1,]
having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch
intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the
back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment
to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body
portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the
leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg
edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body
portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the
leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg

edge portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end; and
- (b) a first elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly, and extending from a first locus adjacent the first back side, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly, toward the front end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the first back leg edge portion toward the crotch, as a second section of the first elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the first elastic away from the first end at an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline and generally following the second back leg edge portion, to a second locus adjacent the second back side,

the second section of the first elastic being severed in at least one location.

53.¹⁰ (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 52,] having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the

back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end;
- (b) a first elastic extending from a first locus adjacent the first front side, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly and generally following the first front leg edge toward the crotch at an angle essentially perpendicular to the longitudinal centerline, as a second section of the first elastic across the crotch, and as a third section of the first elastic along and generally following the second front leg edge portion at an angle essentially perpendicular to the longitudinal centerline to a second locus adjacent the second front side; and

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(c) a second layer, the first and third sections of the first elastic being attached to at least one of the first and second layers, the second layer comprising a body side liner having a front layer element attached to the front portion of the first layer, and a back layer element attached to the front portion of the first layer, and including an unsecured space between the front layer element and the back layer element, the second section of the first elastic being disposed in the unsecured space.

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54.¹¹ (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 53⁰ [,] wherein the second section of the first elastic is [being] attached to at least one of the first and second layers.

55.¹² (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 54,¹¹ including a third elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the first crotch edge portion and a fourth elastic attached in said garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the second crotch edge portion, said third and fourth elastics extending in a direction generally corresponding to the direction of the longitudinal centerline.

911 56.¹⁴ (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 55¹³ the first and third sections of the first elastic comprising [comprises additionally] first arcuate portions, each arcuate portion having a first end attached in said garment blank subassembly [connecting] at the end of the respective first essentially perpendicular portion and a second end connecting the respective front leg edge portion to the respective [first and second] crotch edge portion [portions], and wherein the second section of the first elastic extends across the crotch between the second ends of the first arcuate portions.

58. ¹⁵ (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim ~~56~~¹³ [57], the second section of the first elastic being severed in at least one location.

88 ¹⁶ (Amended) A garment blank subassembly [as in Claim 79,] having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions, and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg edge portions, and first and second back sides, the crotch having first and second crotch edge portions on opposing sides thereof along the leg openings, the garment blank subassembly having a length extending between the front and back ends, a width extending between the first and second sides, and a longitudinal centerline between the first and second front and back sides, each of the first and second back leg edge portions having an angular portion extending generally along a line forming an acute angle with the longitudinal centerline, the garment blank subassembly, when laid out flat, comprising:

- (a) a first layer, extending from the first end through the crotch to the second end;
- (b) a first elastic extending from a first locus adjacent the first back side, as a first section of the first elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly, and generally following the first back leg edge portion toward the crotch, as a second section of the first elastic extensible across the crotch, and as a third section of

the first elastic along and generally following the second back leg edge portion to a second locus adjacent the second back side, the second section of the first elastic being substantially relaxed when the garment blank subassembly is laid out flat; and

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- (c) a second elastic extending from a third locus adjacent the first front side, as a first section of the second elastic, along the width of the garment blank subassembly and generally following the first front leg edge portion toward the crotch, as a second section of the second elastic extensible across the crotch, and as a third section of the second elastic away from the first end and generally following the second back leg edge portion, to a fourth locus adjacent the second front side, the second section of the second elastic being substantially relaxed when the garment blank subassembly is laid out flat,

the second sections of the first and second elastics being severed in at least one location.

A¹³ 83.17 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 80/182], the second sections of the first and second elastics being disposed in the unsecured space.

In Claim 84, at line 3, please delete "wherein".

87.21 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 86.20

A¹⁴ [(a)] the first section of the first elastic comprising [additionally] a first arcuate portion having a first end disposed [connecting] at the end of the first angular portion and a second end disposed at the joinder of [connecting] the back leg edge portion with [to] the first crotch edge portion.

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[(b)] the third section of the first elastic comprising [additionally] a second arcuate portion having a first end disposed [connecting] at the end of the second angular [essentially perpendicular angle] portion and a second end [connecting] disposed at the joinder of the back [front] leg edge portion with [to] the second crotch edge portion, and wherein the second section of the first elastic is extensible [extends] across the crotch between the second end of the first arcuate portion and the second end of the second arcuate portion.

[(c)] the first section of the second elastic comprising [additionally] a third arcuate portion having a first end disposed [connecting] at the end of the second angular portion and a second end disposed at the joinder of [connecting] the front [back] leg edge portion with [to] the first [second] crotch edge portion, and

[(d)] the third section of the second elastic comprising [additionally] a fourth arcuate portion having a first end disposed [connecting] at the end of the first essentially perpendicular angle portion and a second end disposed at the joinder of [connecting] the front leg edge portion with [to] the second [first] crotch edge portion, and wherein the second section of the first elastic is extensible [extends] across the crotch between the second end of the third arcuate portion and the second end of the fourth arcuate portion.

88.23 (Amended) A garment blank subassembly as in Claim 88.22 including a third elastic attached in the garment blank subassembly [to at least one of the first and second layers] along the first crotch edge portion and a fourth elastic attached in the garment